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MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1843.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Ebenezer Clapp, Hon. Daniel Webster, Hon. Levi Woodbury, the American Philosophical Society, and Rev. Dr. Palfrey.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the subject, reported that the Committee had invited the Hon. John Quincy Adams to deliver the discourse at the Second Centennial Celebration of the Confederation of the New England Colonies, on the twenty-ninth day of May next, and that he had accepted the invitation.*

* The following correspondence is on file:—

“WASHINGTON, 4 Jan., 1843.

“HON. JAMES SAVAGE, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and Chairman of their Committee, Boston.

“DEAR SIR,—I accept with some and not a little diffidence the honor bestowed on me by the invitation to deliver the discourse before the Society on the 29th of May next, in celebration of the second century completed since the first confederation of the four Colonies of New England. But, in collecting the materials for the narrative, I must rely almost entirely upon you. My reading upon that portion of our history has been slight,—confined chiefly to Hutchinson, and even that not fresh in my memory. I will be obliged to you first for a minute of the books where the sources of information are to be found, and of the manuscripts, if such there be, in the collections of the Soci-

Mr. GRAY, from the Publishing Committee, reported

ety, to be consulted. I shall scarcely begin to think about it till after the close of the session of Congress.

"I am, dear Sir, very respectfully your friend,

"JOHN QUINCY ADAMS."

"BOSTON, 31 March, 1843.

"Hon. J. Q. ADAMS, Washington.

"DEAR SIR, — Your welcome note of 4th January, expressing your acquiescence with the request of our Historical Society for the celebration on 29th May next, was duly communicated to the Society at the stated meeting next following. Having expected the pleasure of seeing you return speedily after the close of your arduous labors in the House of Representatives, I postponed any acknowledgment of your kindness till so favorable an opportunity might be enjoyed. But, in conversation with your son, whom I had not seen for two months before yesterday, he gave me the impression that you would remain at Washington until near the end of April; and my duty, therefore, requires me promptly to confess that, in my opinion, very little, if any, aid in your inquiries is attainable from sources beyond the common reach of students in our early history. Probably no letters of Commissioners are preserved, having any reference to their deliberations, except the venerable records of the Congress, of which each member of the league had a transcript. That of Massachusetts has disappeared, perhaps for a hundred years, but the Colony of Plymouth preserved their evidence of equal independence after the consolidation with us, and that copy was, I presume, the material of Hazard in the Historical Collections. Our venerable friend, the late Dr. Freeman, under a commission with one or two others, caused the copy of Hazard to be corrected by confrontation with the original, and the collated copy is lodged at our State House. It is hardly possible to conceive of any better commentary on the Act of Union than the contemporary transactions of the ministers of the contracting parties for over forty years.

"It can hardly be necessary to refresh your memory with the circumstances of occasional disagreement in the confederacy, of which one occasion, at least, was almost violent enough to threaten a dissolution of the Union. In Trumbull's 'History of Connecticut,' Vol. I., is expressed the sensibility that was excited by the obstinate resistance of Massachusetts to the action of the other members of the league in the prejudice or unholy zeal against the Dutch; and the 'North American Review' for December, 1818, has a temperate notice of the subject. My engagements have been too numerous, since I had the honor of your letter, to permit me to hunt over the field anew; but, I believe, Hutchinson has some remarks on the same topic, and in some one or more notes of my Winthrop I feel confident of having made animadversions on the doings of the Commissioners, in more than one instance. The unnecessary putting to death of Miantonimo, and refusal of admission of Rhode Island to the Union are recollected.

"With highest regard, I am, dear Sir, as ever, gratefully yours,

"JAMES SAVAGE."

EDS.

that Vol. VIII. of the third series of the Collections is published, and ready for delivery.*

Mr. F. C. GRAY and the Treasurer were appointed a committee to report whether the funds of the Society will authorize a reprint of Vol. X., second series, and Vol. I., third series, of the Collections now out of print.

At the same meeting, Mr. GRAY reported that the funds of the Society would authorize a reprint of Vol. X., second series. Whereupon,

Voted, That the same Committee be directed to contract for a reprint of that volume, to the number of two hundred and fifty copies, as soon as conveniently may be.

Present — The President, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Prescott, Ripley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* It was not until the publication of Vol. VIII. of the third series of Collections, in 1843, that the names of the Committee of Publication began to be printed uniformly in the volumes themselves. The preceding volumes, V. and VI., contained them (in the former they were appended to an advertisement), but they were omitted in the volume next following. The very singular reticence in this respect which marks the earlier volumes is shown somewhat in regard to the authorship of articles contributed by members. Occasionally the name of the author is given. Mr. Savage sometimes signed his articles with the Greek initial of his name. Dr. Freeman used the letters "r. s.," standing, probably, for Recording Secretary. But a large number of papers, written by members, for many years, had no name or initial to them. At the end of the tenth volume of each series is an excellent index to the contents of that series; also, a table of contents of each volume, and a table of authors. These tables refer to each other by means of cross references; but, after having learned the use of these lists, the information sought is often attended with a great waste of time and labor. Of several articles in the early volumes the authors are "unknown." — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 23, 1843. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. ALEXANDER YOUNG was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tempore*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, Hon. Levi Woodbury, and the American Philosophical Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, Assistant Keeper of the Public Records, accepting his appointment as a Corresponding Member of the Society; and it was

Voted, That the last volume of the Society's Collections be sent to him.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on Lectures, delivered the last year, made a statement concerning the money received from the same. On his motion, it was

Voted, That the expense of printing Vol. VIII., third series, and of reprinting Vol. X., second series, be paid out of the proceeds of the last course of lectures given before the Society.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed in December last, reported the following Resolutions, which were adopted:—

Voted, That the notices of meetings of this Society in the newspapers be discontinued, but that the Secretary continue, as heretofore, to send by mail notice of each meeting to members living in Boston and the neighborhood, and to such other members as may specially request him so to do.

Voted, That a copy of the preceding vote be sent by the Secretary to each member who has not heretofore been notified by mail, that he may, if he sees fit to request it, be so notified hereafter.

The President proposed as Honorary Members the Rev. George Oliver, of Exeter, England, and the Rev. Philip Bliss, LL.D., Registrar of the University of Oxford.

The President read a letter from Mr. George Sumner respecting a memoir which he had prepared about the residence of the Pilgrim Fathers in Holland, previous to their coming to Plymouth; and it was

Voted, That the President be requested to procure said memoir for the Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer adjust, liquidate, and pay, after due inquiry, the service of the painter in the entry a year ago.

Voted, That the Georgia Historical Society be added to the list of societies to which our Collections are presented.

Present — The President, Appleton, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Hoar, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Ticknor, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 30, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Deacon Nathaniel Willis, Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., the New York Historical Society, Alden Bradford, Esq., Executors of Thomas Wallcut, and N. G. Snelling, Esq.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the American Philosophical Society, acknowledging the receipt of Vol. VIII., third series, of our Collections.

The President communicated from Mr. George Sumner his memoir of the residence of the Pilgrim Fathers in Holland.*

Voted, That the President communicate to Mr. Sumner the thanks of the Society for his acceptable donation.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to invite, in the name of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the following societies and institutions to join with our Society in the Second Centennial Celebration of the Confederation of the New England Colonies, on the twenty-ninth day of May next, when a discourse will be delivered by the Hon. John Quincy Adams; viz., The American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia, the Historical Societies of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington City, Virginia, Quebec, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Antiquarian Society, the President, &c., of Harvard University, and the Georgia Historical Society.

On motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

Voted, That two copies of Vol. VIII., third series, of our Collections be presented to Colonel Aspinwall, American Consul-General in London; also, six copies be forwarded to Hon. Edward Everett, the American Minister Plenipotentiary at London, to be distributed by him in such manner as in his opinion may be most for the interests of the Society.

Voted, That Hon. F. C. Gray stand charged with carrying this vote into effect.

Judge WHITE and Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed to nominate a Publishing Committee to prepare Vol. IX., third series, reported the names of

Francis C. Gray, R. C. Winthrop, Rev. Dr. Lamson, and C. F. Adams. Whereupon,

Voted, That they be a committee to publish said volume.

Mr. Ticknor nominated Archibald Alison, F.R.S.E., of Scotland, for Corresponding Member.

REV. GEORGE OLIVER and PHILIP BLISS, LL.D., were elected Corresponding Members.

Voted, That Mr. Young and Judge Davis have permission to take from the Library the memoir presented by Mr. Sumner at the present meeting; to be carefully returned by them to the Librarian.

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, J. C. Gray, Lamson, Pierce, Tucker, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1843.

Thursday, April 27, 1843. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Francis Bowen, Theron Metcalf, David Sears, William B. Rally, and George Livermore, Esqrs.; Dr. Edward Jarvis, the Quebec Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, and Dr. Usher Adams.

The Librarian communicated an acknowledgment by Harvard University of the receipt of Vol. VIII., third series.

Also, a communication from the National Institute at Washington, inviting the presence of our Society at a meeting of the Institute and other learned bodies, on the first Monday in April, 1844.

Also, a communication from the Old South Society of the following vote, viz. : —

“BOSTON, Fast Day, April 6, 1843. At the annual meeting of the Old South Society, held this afternoon, it was unanimously

“*Resolved*, That the Deacons be requested to ascertain what will be the cost of a catalogue for the Library, and report hereafter.

“*Resolved*, That the Deacons be requested to ascertain from time to time, in such way as they deem proper, the safety of both portions of the Library, and that they regulate its use by other persons than the pastor, as they shall think will best subserve the purposes of the venerated founder.

“A true copy. Attest. JONATHAN FRENCH, *Clerk*.

“At the meeting held as above, it was

“*Voted*, That the Massachusetts Historical Society be furnished with the above Resolutions.

“Attest. JONATHAN FRENCH, *Clerk*.”

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Richard Almack, Esq., of England, accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

ARCHIBALD ALISON, F.R.S.E., of Scotland, was elected a Corresponding Member, — Messrs. GIBBS and AUSTIN, Scrutinizing Committee.

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. GARDNER and HOAR, Scrutinizing Committee, who reported the following gentlemen to be duly elected, viz. : —

JAMES SAVAGE.	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD.	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL	TREASURER.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be a committee to engage the services of Judge Mitchell in the Library, on the same terms as were made with the late Mr. Snelling.*

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gardner, Gibbs, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Pierce, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 25, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Rev. William P. Lunt, and Alden Bradford, Esq.

A communication was received from the American Philosophical Society, inviting this Society to attend, on

* Mr. John W. Snelling, who had been employed as an assistant in the Library, was brother to Mr. N. G. Snelling, one of the members. — Eds.

the 25th instant, the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of its organization in Philadelphia. Whereupon,

Voted, That this Society express to the American Philosophical Society its regret that the invitation was not received in season to enable this Society to accept the same, and to be present at the celebration.

Voted, That the members of the Society, past and present, assemble with the invited Societies at this place, on Monday next, at ten and a half o'clock A.M., and thence proceed to the First Church, where the services will commence at eleven o'clock punctually.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated a donation by John B. Trott, of a map of China, by a Chinese. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Trott for his valuable donation.

MESSRS. TICKNOR and WINTHROP were appointed a committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts for the last year.

Voted, That Vol. X., second series, be sold for one dollar and fifty cents.

Voted, That the Librarian cause to be prepared a supply of lithographic impressions of letters acknowledging donations.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance to attend the celebration of the first confederation of the New England Colonies, on the 29th instant, from the Historical Societies of New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Georgia; also, from the American Antiquarian Society; also, a letter of regret from the Quebec Historical Society, in not being able to attend.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, Nahum Mitchell, for the past year, having this day performed that service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of one hundred and ten dollars and fifty-six cents.*

GEO. TICKNOR, }
ROBT. C. WINTHROP, } *Committee.*

Boston, May 25, 1843.

Voted, That when this meeting is adjourned, it be adjourned to this place, at half-past ten o'clock A.M., on the 29th instant.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Monday, May 29, 1843. Met pursuant to adjournment, — the President in the chair.

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the record of the last meeting.

* The total amount of receipts was \$368.50, of which sum \$224 were for the fourth note given on account of the purchase of the Society's interest in the Franklin Place estate; \$28.62 for sales of publications; \$3.88, amount of interest overpaid to Mrs. Phillips; and \$112 for admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to \$234.96. Of this sum \$22.58 were for taxes; \$41.25 for interest to Mrs. Phillips; and \$171.13 for miscellaneous expenses, including the compensation to the Assistant Librarian. — Ebs.

Voted, To adjourn to meet at the house of the President, in Temple Place, this evening, at eight o'clock.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Monday, May 29, 1843, 8 P.M. Met, pursuant to adjournment, at the house of the President.

On motion of Mr. F. C. GRAY, seconded by Mr. TICKNOR, it was

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Hon. John Quincy Adams, for the learned, interesting, and eloquent discourse delivered by him this day, at their request, in commemoration of the first confederation of the New England Colonies, in the year 1643; and that a copy be requested for the press.†

* In his Diary, under this date, Mr. Adams records: "President Quincy took me in his barouche to the chambers of the Historical Society, where a meeting well attended was held. The President, James Savage, moved that the meeting should adjourn to his house, at eight o'clock this evening, and gave a general invitation to all the members present to attend there. A procession was then formed, in which I walked with President Savage to the First Church, in Chauncy Place, where I delivered the address to the Massachusetts Historical Society, in celebration of the Second Centennial Anniversary of the New England Colonial Confederacy of 1643. The performances began precisely at eleven o'clock, with an appropriate prayer by Dr. Frothingham, the minister of the church. Then Psalm cvii. of the New England version of 1640 was sung. I then delivered my address, beginning at twenty minutes past eleven and closing at five minutes past one, one hour and three-quarters, omitting about one-eighth of what I had written. It was very well received, and there was no manifestation of what I most dreaded, — a sense of weariness on the part of the auditory. The attention was general and unremitting to the last. The house was well filled, but not crowded; excepting the members of the Society, about as many women as men. After the address, Psalm xlv. of the New England version was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Frothingham. Mr. William Beach Lawrence, Mr. John Jay, and several other gentlemen were introduced to me as delegates from the Historical Societies of New York, Connecticut, and Maine." (Memoirs of John Quincy Adams, Vol. X. pp. 378, 379.) Mr. Adams's address is in 3 Collections, Vol. IX. pp. 189-223. — Eds.

† "See Dr. Lowell's letter, on file, as to societies, &c., represented at the celebration." *Marginal note of the Secretary.* — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 29, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Samuel H. Riddell, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the New York Historical Society, John Jay, Esq., the Department of State of the United States, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Hon. J. C. Spencer, Mr. Goddard, of Providence, Edward Dorr, Esq., Hon. J. Q. Adams, and John B. Trott, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Dr. LOWELL,

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the First Congregational Society for the use of their church on the late centennial celebration of the first Confederation of the New England Colonies; also to their pastor, Rev. Dr. Frothingham, and the choir of the church, for their highly acceptable services on the occasion.

The President read a letter from Mr. Edward Dorr, communicating a donation of seven volumes of ancient and rare works on the history and conquest of several countries of South America.

The President also read a letter from Hon. John Quincy Adams, complying with the request of the Society to furnish a copy of his Discourse for the press.*

* The following letter, on file, gives a list of the delegates who assembled to listen to Mr. Adams's Discourse:—

“BOSTON, June 2, 1843.

“DEAR SIR,— From New Hampshire the delegates were Hon. Joel Parker, Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Rev. E. E. Cummings, Rev. Moses G. Thomas, Samuel E. Coues, Esq., Rev. P. S. Ten Broeck, and Hon. C. H. Atherton. From the American Antiquarian Society, — Judge Story, Hon. Levi Lincoln, Benjamin Russell, Esq., Emory Washburn, Esq., James Merrill, Esq., Samuel M. Burnside, Esq., S. F. Haven, Esq., and Rev. Alonzo Hill. New York Historical Society, — William

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, C. F. Adams, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Willard, and Young.

Beach Lawrence, Esq., Rev. Dr. Mason, John Jay, Esq., Hon. Willis Hall, Mr. John R. Bartlett, William W. Campbell, Esq., Mr. William S. Wetmore, Mr. F. Catherwood. From the Georgia Historical Society, — Rev. Alexander Young. The Rhode Island Historical Society voted to be represented by such members as might find it convenient to attend. The Connecticut Society was represented, but I do not find the names of the delegates in the official letter, though I have an impression that I have somewhere seen them. The Quebec Literary and Historical Society returned thanks for the invitation, and regretted that they could not be represented on the occasion. The American Academy accepted the invitation; delegates not named. No other answers were received.

“I am, dear Sir, very truly your friend,

“CHARLES LOWELL.

“JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., Boston.”

The following was the response of the venerable John Howland, President of the Rhode Island Historical Society, to the invitation in behalf of that Society:—

“PROVIDENCE, May 16, 1843.

“SIR,— Your letter of April 10 was duly received and laid before the Board of Trustees of the Rhode Island Historical Society, and I have to express to you their thanks for the invitation of the Historical Society of Massachusetts to attend the celebration of the Second Centennial Anniversary of the Confederation of the New England Colonies. Although the Colony of Rhode Island was excluded from the privilege of being a member of that confederation, and was left to defend herself against the Indian tribes within her limits, yet, as old things are passed away, we rejoice that better feelings now exist, and as the union and friendship of all the New England States is essential to their progress and happiness, we hope it may increase and be perpetual.

“Without the form of a special delegation, we shall request as many of our Historical Society as can conveniently attend to participate in the pleasure of the celebration.

“With great respect and regard,

“JOHN HOWLAND,

President, Rhode Island Historical Society.

“REV. DR. LOWELL,

Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society,
Boston.”

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 27, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Quebec Historical Society, acknowledging the receipt of the last volume of this Society's Collections.

Donations were communicated from Charles Bowen, Esq., of Boston, Joseph E. Bulkley, Esq., of New York, and Rev. Joseph Hunter, of the city of London.

Present — The President, J. Davis, Gibbs, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Lowell, Mitchell, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Charles F. Adams, Esq., Professor Greenleaf, and William S. Stoddard, Esq.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Rev. Philip Bliss, Registrar of the University of Oxford, chosen at the last March meeting; also, a letter from Professor Packard, in behalf of the Maine Historical Society, acknowledging the receipt of the last volume of this Society's Collections.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Codman be requested to prepare a memoir of our late associate, Rev. Dr. Homer.*

A communication was received from Professor Caleb Mills, agent of Wabash College, Indiana, requesting, in behalf of the College, a copy of our Collections.

Voted, That the subject be referred to the Standing Committee.†

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Bancroft, J. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Lowell, Mitchell, Palfrey, Ripley, Willard, and Winthrop.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 28, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Count Gräberg de Hemsö, Dr. Holmes, Rev. Dr. Brazer, Rev. Dr. Codman, and the Georgia Historical Society.

Voted, That the Librarian and Mr. F. C. Gray be a committee to ask for a return from the Boston Athenæum of the two volumes of the Prince Collections, deposited with this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from George A. Ward, Esq., of New York, accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

* Rev. Jonathan Homer, D.D., elected in April, 1799, died Aug. 11, 1843. Dr. Codman failed to perform the duty assigned to him. A memoir of Dr. Homer by the Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., will be found in this volume, on pp. 275-278. — Eds.

† Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood, D.D., chosen a member in April, 1825, died Aug. 2, 1843. A memoir of him by Mr. C. C. Smith will be found in this volume, on pp. 272-275. — Eds.

The Standing Committee nominated George S. Hillard, Esq., Rev. Nathaniel L. Frothingham, D.D., and Oliver William B. Peabody, Esq., to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Rev. Drs. Homer, Greenwood, and Ware.*

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be requested to call on Mr. J. C. Merrill, Chairman of the Committee for preparing the index to the third series of the Collections, and ascertain what progress the Committee have made in the work, and report to the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a bill of charges preferred against the Society by the agents of the Danish Society of Northern Antiquaries, for some of their publications, charged as subscribed for by this Society. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be a committee to inquire into the matter, and ascertain who is liable to pay the bill; and that, if the Society is liable, then to authorize the Treasurer to make payment, and the Secretary to give notice to the agents, Messrs. A. & C. Cunningham, in order to stop any liability in future.

Present — The President, Bancroft, J. Davis, Felt, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Pierce, Ticknor, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., D.D., chosen a member in January, 1822, died Sept. 22, 1843. A memoir of him by Mr. C. C. Smith will be found in this volume, on pp. 278-282. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. T. R. Marvin, F. M. Hubbard, Robert C. Winthrop, the American Philosophical Society, the Department of State for the United States, Professor Sparks, and Judge Davis.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be specially presented to M. Pedro d' Angelis, of Buenos Ayres, for the valuable donation of a copy of the "History of La Plata," in six large volumes, made by him, as announced at a former meeting of the Society (April, 1841).

GEORGE S. HILLARD, Esq., Rev. NATHANIEL L. FROTHINGHAM, D.D., and OLIVER W. B. PEABODY, Esq., were chosen Resident Members, *vice* Rev. Drs. Homer, Greenwood, and Ware, deceased.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to nominate a Chairman of the Committee to prepare the index to the third series of the Collections, — Messrs. J. C. Merrill and Gibbs being now the only remaining members.

The Librarian and Recording Secretary not being prepared to report upon the subjects committed to them respectively at the last meeting, the same are postponed to the next meeting.

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the request made by Professor Caleb Mills, in behalf of Wabash College, Indiana, reported that "they have found, on examination, that it is not in the power of the Society, and for several years will not be, to com-

ply with the request, because there is not belonging to the Society a single copy of Vol. I. of the third series, and that there are so very few copies (from five to thirty) of several other volumes that must be reserved for sale." Which report having been read by the President, it was

Voted, To accept the same.

REV. MR. SEWALL presented to the Society a map of the Province of Maine, published in 1754, which formerly belonged to his father, the late Chief Justice Sewall, of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth. And it was thereupon

Voted, To tender the thanks of the Society to the donor for this acceptable gift.

The Standing Committee nominated the Hon. William Minot for Resident Member, *vice* William Lincoln, Esq., deceased.*

The President communicated a copy of a letter written by Roger Williams to Governor Winthrop, the original of which was presented to the Society by Charles Folsom, Esq., and the same was referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, As the time for the next meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day, that the meeting be held on the 23d proximo.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, Felt, Gardner, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Lamson, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* William Lincoln, Esq., elected in January, 1832, died Oct. 5, 1843. A memoir of him by Joseph Willard, Esq., is in 3 Collections, X. 225-235. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the American Antiquarian Society, Rev. Chandler Robbins, Theron Metcalf, Esq., Mr. George Livermore, Professor Cogswell, Messrs. Appleton of New York, Job R. Tyson, Esq., George W. Gordon, Esq., and the Editor of the "Hartford Daily Courant."

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from Messrs. Frothingham, Hillard, and Peabody.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on Lectures of 1841, reported an account of receipts, &c., which was referred to the Treasurer to audit and settle.

WILLIAM MINOT, Esq., was elected Resident Member, *vice* Mr. Lincoln, deceased.

Mr. GRAY, from the Committee to ask a return from the Boston Athenæum of the two volumes of the Prince Collections deposited with this Society, reported that he had obtained the same, to be restored to the Library.

Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on the subject, reported that the Society is under no liability whatsoever to pay the bill presented by the agents of the Danish Society of Northern Antiquaries.

Present—The President, Felt, Frothingham, Gardner, F. C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Palfrey, Peabody, Quincy, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Horatio G. Somerby, Esq., Mr. Melvin Lord, Hon. Levi Woodbury, Mr. Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., Mr. Stevens, of Vermont, and Mr. Samuel Breck, of Philadelphia.

The Standing Committee nominated Mr. Peabody as Chairman of the Committee to prepare the index to the third series of our Collections. Whereupon,

Voted, To confirm this nomination.

Mr. PEABODY signified his acceptance thereof.

Peleg W. Chandler, Esq., was nominated by the Standing Committee as a Resident Member, *vice* Samuel P. Gardner, deceased.*

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Codman, Ellis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Lowell, Peabody, Pierce, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1844.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1844. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon.

* Mr. S. P. Gardner, elected in August, 1824, died Dec. 18, 1843. See note on p. 264. — EDS.